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Highway patrol raises concern with Missouri Senate after costly purchase

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The Missouri State Highway Patrol has come under fire after purchasing a new \$5.6 million plane at the end of 2012.

The plane is a 2012 model King Air 250, and according to Missouri state legislators, it might have been an unnecessary purchase.

"Most of the planes we have in place now are King Air 90s, which is a very reasonably sized aircraft," said Sen. Brad Lager.

"The plane the patrol bought is much larger, seats many more people, and has a greater flight distance than anything we've ever needed."

The Missouri State Highway Patrol provides flight services for various state agencies and officials including the governor's office, university medical departments and the Missouri Department of Transportation.

"We just had the one King Air plane to be used for passenger transport, and when that plane was in use, we had no other passenger plane to utilize," said Tim Hull, director of public information at Missouri State Highway Patrol. "We purchased the new King Air to be used for flight services for various state agencies and officials as well as for investigative purposes at the Highway Patrol."

The new plane was purchased from a revolving fund set aside by the state legislature to be used for vehicle purchases, such as patrol cars and boats.

Sen. Lager is sponsoring an amendment in response to the plane purchase that would require the Highway Patrol to seek legislative approval for any future purchases of \$100,000 or more.

"Over the past decade we've been very flexible with the Highway Patrol in terms of how they spend their money and they've been very prudent in the past when it comes to vehicle purchases," Lager said. "This is not a prudent expenditure of the taxpayers' money in good times, let alone bad times."

In the past, the patrol often went to the state legislature when considering an expensive purchase such as a new plane.

"Basically, this amendment would make them do in law what they used to do in practice," Lager said.

The Missouri Highway Patrol would not comment on any future legislation.

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Formerly known as the Campus Security Act, the act requires colleges and universities within the United States to disclose information about crimes on and around campus. The law applies to higher education institutes both private and public.

Sunshine Law brings records to light

TOM DRESSLAR & LAUREN MCCOY

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Skeletons are running out of places to hide as Sunshine Week illuminates information accessibility across the country.

For 40 years, Missouri has been an advocate for open records, and this week the Student Press Law Center is bringing the Sunshine Law into the spotlight to spread awareness.

Created in 1973, the Sunshine Law is

open government in action. The state law declares meetings, records, votes, actions and deliberations of public governmental bodies should be open to the public unless otherwise specified by the law.

"I think it's a great idea to communicate to the public," said Clarence Green, Northwest police chief. "Our students, our faculty, our staff, communicate to them about their surroundings as well as let them know about current laws and policies."

For anyone who is not a lawyer, the law can

seem like incomprehensible jargon, impossible to understand. For the layperson, it means the ability to access public records,

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Maryville High School senior Sara Knowles tells how she feels about school. Knowles was selected as one of the top 100 scholars in Missouri.

Maryville senior recognized as one of state's top 100 high school scholars

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Four years of effort and determination will pay off for one Maryville High School senior.

Sara Knowles joined the 2013 Missouri Scholars 100, a program that selects the top 100 academic high school students in the state each year.

As a teacher's daughter, Knowles spent her childhood looking up to successful high school students in her mother's classes.

"(As a teacher's child), you've heard about all the kids since you

were little, like 'this person got this ACT score,' and 'this person got this score on the AP exam,'" Knowles said. "I had high standards that other people might not have had. I knew all the stars before me."

The Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals, which sponsors the Missouri Scholars 100, selects each candidate based primarily on a formula involving the student's GPA and ACT score.

Knowles scored a 34 on the ACT her fourth trial.

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Planet Aid campaign raises questions

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People often donate used clothes and unwanted items to charity in an attempt to help the less fortunate, but donations made to the nonprofit organization Planet Aid might not end up where the donors expect.

"It's one of those 'the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth' things, and it's the whole truth that's being taken to task here," Goodwill Vice President of Marketing and Development Stuart Hoffman said.

Local charities, such as Goodwill or other thrift stores, may lose out on donations meant to stay local due to Planet Aid bins.

Hoffman said Planet Aid is a charity, but its mission statement is vague. He believed the impact of Planet Aid in communities is less than people realize.

The Planet Aid website outlines its basic missions: help developing countries and protect the environment. The yellow bins bearing Planet Aid's logo explain proceeds from the donated clothes and shoes are used to support programs throughout the United States and developing countries.

According to the Planet Aid website, collected loads of donations are sent to sorting houses where they are "graded" based on type and quality. The clothes are then either sold to retailers, such



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CharityWatch, an organization that investigates philanthropies, shines attention on Planet Aid. Donations given to PlanetAid bins is later sold for profit.

as domestic thrift stores, or directly overseas to customers who in turn sell the clothing for profit.

"At Goodwill, we stay away from telling people not to donate," Hoffman said. "But we tend to make sure everyone is aware of what local impact the donation has, whether it's financial or unwanted items."

Tammy Sproule, Planet Aid media relations manager, said the claims of Planet Aid not giving back are old.

"Each nonprofit evaluator uses

different measures," Sproule said. "InterAction and Guidestar have an application process, I believe, and when an organization applies, there is a set of qualifications that must be met. Planet Aid has earned the Guidestar Exchange Seal for our commitment to transparency. We are an IRS 501(c)3 charitable nonprofit in excellent standing. We have been thoroughly audited, and our work continues to be supported

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Academy student recognized

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A student from the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing battles a stereotype that has existed in the computing field for years.

The National Center for Women and Information Technology recognized second-year student Dominieke Neasham as one of the top-15 female high school students in Missouri and Kansas interested in the field of computing.

Neasham won the 2012-2013 NCWIT Aspirations in Computing Award for Missouri and Kansas. Neasham said she suspects her internship with Cerner Corporation in Kansas City this summer put her at the top as a qualifying candidate.

In addition to Neasham, sec-

ond-year Academy student Ashley Huskey was one of the 15 runner-ups for the NCWIT Award.

NCWIT works to reduce the gender bias in the computing field.

Many colleges have much lower female enrollment rates than male in computer science programs, including Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"There's definitely way more men," Neasham said. "Most men I've talked to are shocked that I'm in the computer science field."

Carol Spradling, associate professor in computer science, said Neasham exhibits characteristics that would cause her success in the field of computing.

"She's very motivated," Spradling said. "The fact that you have to learn to have a lot of confidence in yourself is very important if you are a minority in a group.

She already seems to have a lot of confidence, and she knows what she wants."

Neasham said what she enjoys most about computing is problem solving.

"I like figuring out code, or reading code to try to test it," Neasham said. "It's like solving some sort of puzzle, a number puzzle."

Neasham plans to remain at Northwest and study computer science.

After graduation, Neasham wants to work in the field while obtaining her master's degree, giving her the credentials to teach in the future.

"I'm definitely over the top when it comes to working in math, and just taking the hardest classes I can to prepare me for the future because I'm very future-oriented," Neasham said.



HANNAH JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Academy student Dominieke Neasham talks about being one of the only females in computing.

Assessment determines effectiveness

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When students approach 60 credit hours, Northwest requires them to take the General Education Assessment.

This assessment covers general education questions from four areas of study, including humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and mathematics.

Some students question the relevance of the assessment and its effectiveness.

"It is similar to the ACT," junior Alex Witthar said. "I think that taking the assessment is kind of redundant."

The Assessment Office coordinates the GEA scheduling and has many uses for the exam results.

These results are used to calculate program effectiveness, find areas for curriculum improvement and to engage students in their academic discipline.

According to the Assessment Office, the results help the University determine course redesign, as well as the incorporation of new technology.

The information is shared with multiple accrediting agencies and education boards throughout the area, state and country. The results are given to the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education and the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education.

Witthar does not think the test is the most effective way of gathering results.

"I can understand because it measures how much the students are learning from the general education classes," Witthar said. "I think they could get the same results using a test that takes half the time."

Rock band coming to campus in April for spring concert

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The Student Activities Council announced Monday that Chevelle will headline the spring concert rather than a country artist.

Chevelle is an American rock band from Grayslake, Ill. formed in 1995. The band is best known for its 2002 hit "The Red."

Earlier this year, SAC had an information booth at the J.W. Jones Student Union asking students to vote for bands they like to perform at the spring concert.

The organization also posted a survey online requesting feedback. Because of this push to include student response, some Bearcats expected a country band or artist for the concert this year.

"We have tried to look for and contacted various country bands, but the reason is they've already been booked somewhere else," said junior Michael Eppley, SAC con-



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cert programming director.

"We're, hopefully, going back to featuring country bands next spring. It's not about any other reasons except money and the bands' availability."

Some Northwest students expressed disappointment after receiving the news that SAC would forego the country genre for this year's act.

"SAC had an info booth at the Union asking students to vote for a country artist or band to play the

spring concert," senior Thomas Throm said. "There were several big name bands that I would love to hear play."

Student tickets went on sale Wednesday and can be purchased for \$10.

Students may buy tickets with their Bearcat cards at the Student Services desk in the Administration Building.

The concert is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. April 13 in Bearcat Arena.

"I'm excited to go to the concert," Georgina Ruano-Arriaga said. "I've never attended their concert before but I love concerts. This is going to be the first concert I'm going to at Northwest."

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City Manager Greg McDanel considers Walnut Street a problem, but no renovations are planned due to time constraints and budget issues.

Spacing issues restrain repairs on Walnut

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While the City continues to focus funds and labor toward street repair projects, some areas prove more difficult to tend to.

City officials sat down in July 2012 to lay out goals for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, which included focusing attention on the street conditions in Maryville. Since then, many million dollar projects have taken off.

However, while progress is being made, not all areas in

need of repair will fit into this year's time frame or budget.

One problem area is Walnut Street, which is subject to high traffic because of its proximity to the University.

City Manager Greg McDanel said despite its condition, repairing the street proves difficult due to spacing problems.

"Walnut is definitely a street where we see a lot of issues," McDanel said. "Because of the spacing of the street, it will never be able to be completely redone with shoulder and gutter areas. The houses

are just placed too close to the street."

McDanel said some surface work is expected to take place on the street during the year.

However, the main issue of proper draining, the lack of which causes Walnut to erode, must be fixed by removing layers of asphalt from the street. A plan to tackle this task has not been laid out.

For now, city officials are focusing their attention and money on Munn Avenue, South Depot Street and the

collaborative project with the University to renovate the Fourth Street corridor.

"I think we are in an unprecedented time for (street repair) projects," McDanel said. "We've applied for grants and were approved on a lot of funding that made this possible."

McDanel said he hopes this focus on repairs can continue in following years.

"It all depends on funding," McDanel said. "But we hope to continue this trend next year."

Thousands spent on school land purchase

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The Maryville R-II School District decided to put money into an asset that will not depreciate in value over time.

The district took Mark Twain's famous words to heart - "Buy land, they're not making it anymore."

The school board unanimously approved a purchase of 18.63 acres for \$165,181.

"We bought it at a good price," Superintendent Larry Linthicum said. "We felt that it falls in line with our district mission and goals of being a model school district."

The district received a deal on the land, which was originally priced at \$223,500. The land is located on the east side of Maryville High School's football field.

The decision has been on the minds of board members for a long time. The district began looking into the land during summer 2012.

"Land doesn't come up for sale that often," Linthicum said. "But we thought it was a good opportunity to buy."

While there is not a long-term plan for how the land will be used, Linthicum said they intend to use it to yield crops for the time being.

"At this time we're looking at putting in soy beans, possibly this spring," Linthicum said. "Long range, we don't have any immediate plans of any kind. Whether we build something in two years or 22 years, we don't have any plans at this time."

Students from the high school's agriculture program and the Northwest Technical School will take samples of the soil and help prepare the land for planting.

Linthicum said he thinks the real-world experience will be an asset for students.

"I think it will be a good opportunity," Linthicum said. "Hopefully, the student's involvement in that will benefit them. They won't be doing 100 percent of the labor or the planting."

The district hopes the project will draw some revenue for the school. However, that will not be the main focus of the purchased land.

Teachers brace for change as standards are adjusted

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Across the nation, teachers and students will be on the same level when it comes to learning standards of success as a majority of states transition to the Common Core State Standards.

"It's a national initiative that's been around for at least a decade that all of the states have been meeting and studying," said Linda Heeler, Horace Mann Laboratory School teacher.

Forty-five states have now adopted the Common Core as their curriculum, according to Horace Mann Principal Jill Baker. Missouri is participating in that adoption process.

Horace Mann teachers Heidi Beatty, Sara Rogers and Linda are a few of the several educators in

the transition period of moving from Grade Level Expectations to Common Core State Standards.

Previously, the GLEs were the framework for instruction and assessment of students, but teachers will now focus on core conceptual understandings and procedures starting in the early grades. According to the Common Core State Standards website, this will enable teachers to take the time needed to teach core concepts and procedures thoroughly, thus allowing students the opportunity to master them.

For nearly three decades, the U.S. has been involved in an "Accountability Movement," where states are being held to mandatory tests of student achievement. Students are expected to demonstrate a common core of knowledge to be successful in the future.

"It just allows kids to think outside the box more. It's going to be a shift for our kids, and it will take some time to work out... Moving to Common Core will help us become better educators."

Sara Rogers

The expectations now are designed to better prepare students beginning at a young age for college and their future place in the work world.

The new Common Core for language arts will include a larger speaking and listening section and changes in teaching material for teachers.

"Some of my lesson plans, I feel, have changed because there are some things now in my grade level now that weren't before," Beatty said. "So I'm relearning these things and reintegrating it into my curriculum."

The change in standards will help teachers teach subjects on a deeper level than was possible with GLEs.

"The curriculum will be better aligned across more subject areas because of the Common Core, and we will be able to divorce ourselves from 'this is my grade-level expectation,'" Heeler said. "It will be more, 'here is the deep structure and thought that

you need,' and that will come out of the Common Core. With that being the foundation... there will be more structure. Consequently, you could get more freedom through that."

The structure will eventually give students new ways to explore their full potential.

"They're trying to open the door to allow for more differentiation to be happening, more individualized instruction and more collaborative work among students," Rogers said. "It just allows kids to think outside the box more. It's going to be a shift for our kids, and it will take some time to work out. We're not only moving our K-6 students through this process, but our practicum students as well. Moving to Common Core will help us become better educators."

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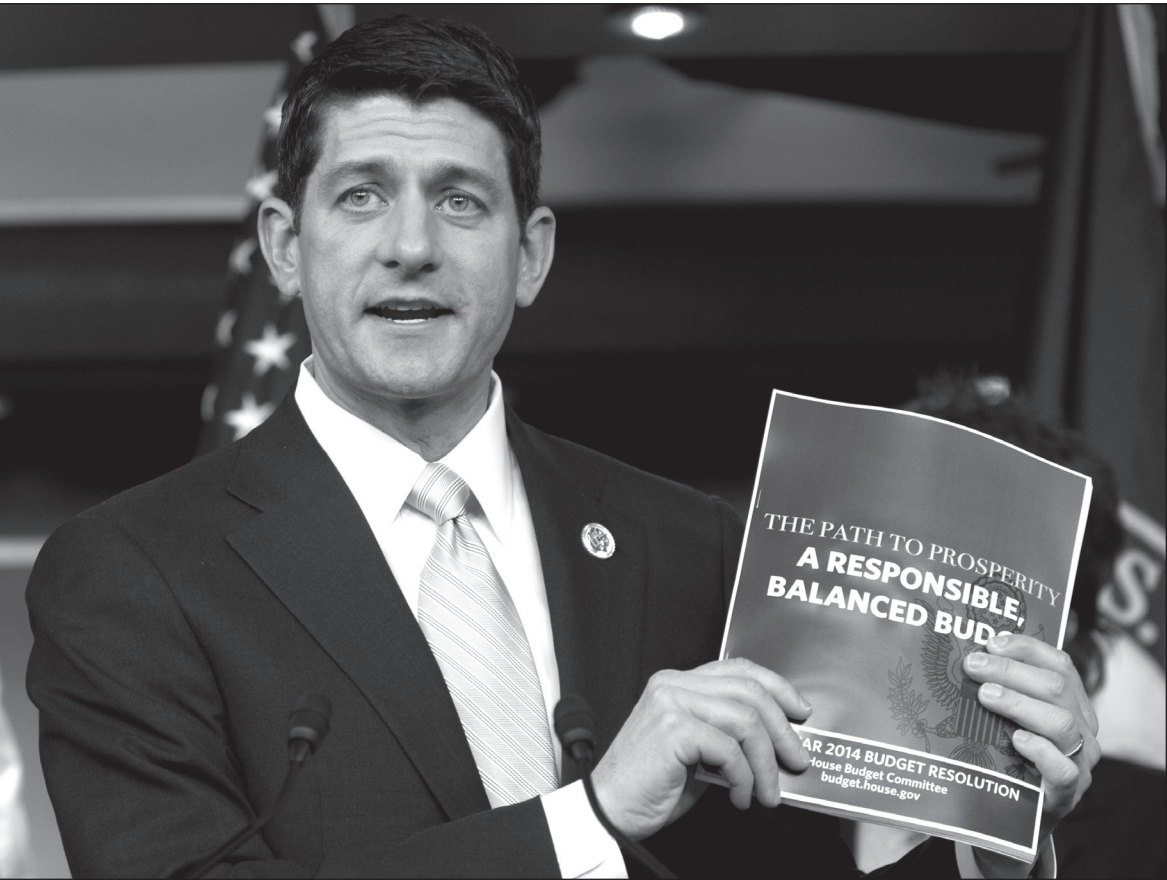

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House Budget Committee Chairman Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., holds up a copy of the House Budget Committee 2014 Budget Resolution as he speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, March 12.

Budget proposals enter dead on arrival



CODY UHING
Opinion Editor

Paul Ryan, R-Wis., has once again shown he is in fact the “numbers wonk” in Washington. In his 2012 bid for vice president he often went by that handle at campaign events, touting his budget plans and tax cutting approach.

Much of what Ryan has done in his time in Congress has been dedicated to proposing budgets that are usually hyper-partisan approaches to a big problem. Ryan released his 2014 fiscal year budget proposal Tuesday, and it is exactly what one could imagine.

The 10-year fiscal blueprint relies on the implausible repeal of President

Barack Obama’s Affordable Care Act. The plan projects savings of \$4.63 trillion over 10 years, which would yield a surplus of \$7 billion by 2023.

While the proposal is dead on arrival in the Democratic-led Senate, it creates an agenda for the GOP that starkly contrasts the Democrat’s plan. The Democratic Senate Budget Chairman, Patty Murray, will propose her 2014 plan, and it is supposed to contrast sharply with Ryan’s.

These opposing plans will serve as a boundary for future talks on the upcoming fiscal budget. Hopefully, this means we will have some sort of compromise in the future, and Congress will work like it was meant to work.

The major problem with Ryan’s proposal is that it is centered on repealing the Affordable Care Act. The odds of that happening in the next four years are next to zero. While Republicans keep wasting their time,

our time and taxpayer money on repealing a law that won’t be repealed, they could be working on serious reforms and bipartisan approaches to many big issues plaguing the nation.

The proposal also does nothing to close tax loopholes for the wealthy and instead focuses on cuts to education and research. According to the White House, the plan would also turn Medicare into a voucher program to save money. This undercuts benefits to seniors who have earned them by forcing them to pay thousands more out of pocket.

The GOP does not realize there is a disconnect between its party and everyday Americans. We should be focused on getting rid of tax loopholes for the wealthy to raise revenues and cutting spending in appropriate ways. Hopefully, we can see a compromise between the two parties going forward.

Missouri businesses a top priority

MIKE THOMSON
1st District State Representative

One of the continuing issues faced by the legislature is how to make Missouri more business-friendly. It is essential that we take care of the businesses already established in our state, but if we are going to grow, it is very important that we create an atmosphere that will entice new business and encourage new investment. Last week, the House considered several pieces of legislation intended to help spur job growth in Missouri.

One bill that was approved in the House would create the Missouri Angel Investment Incentive Act to encourage individuals to provide seed capital financing for Missouri businesses that are engaged in the development, implementation and commercialization of innovative technologies, products, and services. The goal is to encourage investors to provide the start-up funds necessary to get hightech companies off the ground and creating good-paying, family-supporting jobs.

Another bill discussed would put in place tax exemptions for the construction and improvements of new and existing data storage centers. The data center business is a \$27 billion per year industry in the

United States. Missouri is an ideal location for new data centers to set up shop. Effective incentives could attract data centers that would bring thousands of jobs to our state.

The third and more controversial economic development bill considered last week would reauthorize a tax credit that helps keep freight line companies in business in Missouri. The bill would also create \$60 million of tax credits for international exporters over the next eight years.

Tax credits have been used as business incentive for many years in Missouri and have given us a tool that has been somewhat effective. However, as the programs grow, they are becoming a bigger financial burden every year.

There have been many attempts to slow the growth of tax credits and a lot of disagreement on how effective they are and how we should cap them. Last year the state redeemed over \$600 million in tax credits and a few of the sixty plus programs have gotten “out of hand.” I personally believe that we have to be careful when those of us in the legislature pick winners and losers by giving specific businesses credits as incentives and neglecting other businesses that are already established in our state. There is no doubt that we have to

become more business-friendly, but other alternatives, such as tax code reform, tort reform and new types of incentives, must be considered.

House Bill 320, approved in the House last week, is meant to improve our business climate so we can retain existing employers and attract new businesses. The legislation changes the Missouri Human Rights Act to bring it in line with federal discrimination standards. In effect, it would require a worker to prove that discrimination was a motivating factor in a wrongful termination case.

The current standard requires only that workers prove discrimination is a contributing factor. The goal with the bill is to strike the right balance, so that employees are protected against discrimination based on race, religion or sex while also making certain that an endless stream of frivolous lawsuits doesn’t overrun businesses. By making our state law mirror federal law, we believe we can create an environment that will be fair to both employers and employees.

Business growth and the creation of jobs is the key to prosperity in our state, and we will continue to look for ways to make that happen.

OUR VIEW: Sunshine laws bring our government to people

Sunshine laws are great assets journalists have when they are uncovering information for their stories. These laws serve to keep meetings open to the public.

Sunshine laws allow for reporters for The Missourian to learn about the functions of University administration and make sure we are getting the most we can out of our University. It is not limited to just the University though. Sunshine laws apply to all meetings within an agency.

When we requested information from Maryville City Hall, Maryville Public Safety and Northwest Missouri State University, we received the records we asked for, and all agencies were in compliance with the laws. The sunshine laws exist is to open government to the people and to make it more transparent and accountable.

The fact that the major governing bodies within the community are all in compliance with Missouri and federal sunshine laws is refreshing. We can rest assured that the University is not hiding anything from the students or the faculty. We can also trust that the Maryville City Council is not a totalitarian regime that uses the public safety department to exert its domain over all who live here.

The need for an open and transparent government is one that people have taken advantage of since the passing of the federal law. There are stipulations within

the law that denote which meetings do not have to stay open to the public. These are important because some things the government does are best kept within the government.

Some issues, like ones dealing with national defense, are important to keep behind closed doors. Others, such as legal proceedings or internal affairs, are mundane and not necessary for public consumption. The sunshine laws in the United States have been effective in opening up dialogue between governmental and non-governmental bodies.

As journalists and citizens, we appreciate all that the sunshine laws give to us. People should take advantage of the opportunity to request the records for themselves. It is up to us to hold our leaders accountable. Without a transparent government or administration, we would not be able to make informed decisions. These laws have worked well for the past decades, providing information to people.

The need for these laws is great, and the restrictions within the laws are necessary. The premise of the federal law is, in the words of James Madison from Federalist No. 49 written in 1788, “The people are the only legitimate foundation of power, and it is from them that the constitutional charter ... is derived.”

Most citizens unaffected by assault weapons ban



ASHTON RAFFETY
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Unless you have been living under a rock for the past four months, you know about the nationwide debate over an assault weapon ban. Many have a hard time understanding the Republican viewpoint.

“If you outlaw guns, only outlaws will have guns” is a typical argument made in response to any type of gun control legislation, and many completely agree with the context of this argument. But this is an extremist view of the problem, and it would only have a real impact if the government were trying to ban all guns, which will never happen.

Banning assault weapons may result in only outlaws having assault weapons, but this should not be an argument because law abiding citizens are not carrying around assault weapons as conceal and carry guns for protection. Banning the sale of assault weapons would only make it more difficult for people with bad intentions to get a hold of these high-capacity

weapons.

Remember the prohibition? People (outlaws) were still drinking booze, but it was harder to get ahold of. When something is deemed illegal, it increases the risk of dealing the product. If we ban assault weapons, we will see a decrease in the number of suppliers, which means a decrease in assault weapons. Assault weapons are not used for hunting, and there is no reason for citizens to have access to military-grade weaponry.

On the other hand, there are some odd restrictions being discussed, like categorizing a gun as an assault weapon just because of a pistol grip. It shouldn’t matter what the gun looks like, it should be about the gun’s capabilities.

The 2nd Amendment guarantees our right to bear arms, but just like our founding fathers did not anticipate the invention of the airplane and the need for an Air Force. The 2nd amendment was drafted without the anticipation of the power of our weapons today. Unless you believe the 2nd amendment gives you the right to own your own rocket launcher, tank or even drone we all believe in gun control, it just depends where you draw the line.

CAMPUS TALK

How do you feel about federal sunshine laws?



“When it comes to government, there are things the public does not need to know. Involving the public can create controversy.”

Bryce Johnston
Senior
Broadcasting



“Sunshine laws are good because the government should be open to the public and transparent.”

Crissy Ferguson
Junior
Computer Science



“When it comes to the security of the country I think meetings should be closed to the public. If someone find out information they shouldn’t know, bad things could happen.”

Derek Soldanels
Sophomore
Business Technology



“Sunshine laws are a positive thing to have because people have the right to know what their government is doing.”

Hailey Worthy
Freshman
Elementary Education



“I feel like they are good because it creates transparency within the government and what they are trying to portray to citizens.”

Mel Peitzmeier
Senior
Business Management

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by organizations such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Agency for International Development.”

Hoffman is not the only person who believes the public should be educated about their donations. CharityWatch, formerly known as the American Institute of Philanthropy, annually investigates what Planet Aid is doing with the money from selling donated clothing.

“The question is, what is Planet Aid doing with that revenue?” Stephanie Kalivas, CharityWatch analyst, said. “For example, based on the last rating we did of the 2011 financials, they generated over \$20 million of revenue associated with selling those clothes they had collected, but the portion they granted to other organizations was extremely small.”

CharityWatch began investigating and rating Planet Aid in 2006. Every rating since has produced the same result: a failing grade. Kalivas said CharityWatch does more in-depth research than other organizations in order to find out where funds and donations are going.

“We do a much more intense study of not just the organization’s tax 990, but also their audited financial statements,” Kalivas said. “We basically study what’s going on between those two and make sure they’re reconciling.”

Hoffman and Kalivas encourage potential donors to research where donations end up, ensuring the donations are being used in the way the donors intend. Spoule recommended donors visit their website to learn more about Planet Aid before making a decision.

Charity evaluators, such as Charity Navigator, can provide information about charity efficiency, the transparency of charities and recommendations for where certain items should be donated.

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“I don’t believe in studying for standardized test,” Knowles said. “I mean, I reviewed the practice test online once before each test.”

The Missouri Scholars 100 selection is not solely based on academics, although they play a predominant role. Students must also fill out an application, showing the extracurricular activities and volunteer work they participate in.

Knowles spends her time participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including drum line, volleyball, National Honor Society, International Club, Academic Team and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

“I’m always doing something,” Knowles said. “It’s not necessarily that I never have fun, and I’m always working, but I’m always busy. I’ve made a point to be well-rounded.”

Knowles said competition serves as her biggest motivator.

“I like to beat people,” Knowles said. “I like to be the best at things... And if I know I can’t be the best, I just don’t want to be the worst. I don’t like dragging people down.”

Knowles applied and received acceptance to the University of Missouri-Columbia and Creighton University. Knowles is waiting to hear back from Yale University.

Knowles said she aspires to attend Yale to study biology. After school, she plans to conduct research in the neuroscience area.

“I want to help people, but I never wanted to be a doctor,” Knowles said. “I’m not a people person. I have all of those (ambitions) of, ‘I want to be a doctor. I want to help people. I want to save lives,’ but I don’t want to be the doctor. I want to be the one doing the research.”

The topic of Alzheimer’s disease interests Knowles the most.

“...The body is still there, but the mind is leaving, and I think that’s really sad,” Knowles said.

MHS Principal Jason Eggers said Knowles showcased her dedication and determination to achieve by meeting the requirements to be selected into Missouri Scholars 100.

“I see her being very successful and giving back to society in many ways,” Eggers said.

GREEK WEEK



Volunteers for each sorority play a life size game of Hungry, Hungry, Hippos on Tuesday evening during Greek Week.

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such as meetings, minutes for City Council meetings, health records and crime statistics.

According to the Missouri Attorney General’s website The Sunshine Law gives citizens the opportunity to attend meetings and view minutes and agendas from City council meetings. Other government entities that follow the Sunshine Law are the Nodaway County Health Department, the Maryville Department of Public Safety, and the Maryville City Government. Citizens can request health inspection reports from specific restaurants, up-to-date crime statistics, and the minutes from every City Council meeting. Government bodies are required to post such information in a timely manner.

“We try to post the agenda and minutes from every City Council meeting on our website as soon as possible,” City Clerk Sheila Small said. “Residents can also come to City Hall anytime during office hours and request the records.”

Along with the Sunshine Law, a federal statute called the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act states the public should have access to safety information on college

campuses.

Nineteen-year-old Jeanne Clery was a freshman at Lehigh University. Five days after returning from spring break, she was raped, tortured and murdered. After her death, the Clery family discovered several crimes and lapses in security had occurred before Jeanne began attending, information that possibly would have led the family to choose a different university.

Named after Jeanne, the act requires all colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs to keep and disclose information about crime on and near their respective campuses.

For Northwest, both the Sunshine Law and Clery Act mean students should be able to access records concerning crimes on or around campus at any point in time. A visit to Green’s office revealed Northwest has all its ducks in a row.

Besides issuing a Clery report every October, campus safety has a 60 day crime log containing details about each crime reported to campus safety. Organizations are required to respond to requests for records within three days, but Green presented the records immediately.

“I think it’s very positive information to share on different crimes so we have a well-informed public, so they can make sound decisions,” Green said.

In recent years, the Clery Act has received publicity, but not all of it has been positive.

Notable violations of the act include the assault and murder of Laura Dickinson at Eastern Michigan University in 2006 and the Penn State sex abuse scandal in 2011..

In an effort to educate the public about its right to information, SPLC organized Sunshine Week. Despite cases such as the Sandusky scandal, most students are unaware of the power they hold at their fingertips.

Some students see these laws as a step in the right direction for open information.

“I remember getting notifications about crimes before,” junior Skyler Sengvong said. “I like knowing it so I can make myself more aware.”

Junior Whitney Rissler said she feels like campus safety does a fairly decent job of informing students, but there’s always room for improvement.

“Knowing about crimes definitely makes me feel safer, or at least warned,” Rissler said. “It shows that they care about student safety.”

Other students like freshman Brittany Dunger might be more inclined to believe ignorance is bliss. She was unaware of the law and was unsure how she felt about it.

“Yes, I know things like crimes are going to happen and it is a great

thing to be informed of,” she said. “But on the other hand, it makes me feel unsafe because I now know that crimes have taken place around me.”

Although students like Dunger might want to remain in the dark about safety issues, Northwest complies with both the Sunshine Law and the Clery Act in an attempt to create a safer environment.

Although the Clery Act requires information to be disclosed as quickly as possible, Green believed accuracy is important as well.

“Getting things out fast may not always be the best sometimes,” he said. “We’re pushed to get things out fast . . . sometimes it’s best for us to put the facts first before you put all the information out.”

Junior Jessica Lutz said she never gave a lot of thought to what campus safety does and how it affects campus, having not dealt with them before. Having access to records of crime, though, was something she supported.

“It doesn’t really bother me,” Lutz said. “Students have a right to know what happens on campus, good or bad. It’s a way to keep them informed and safe.”

Students and residents of Maryville can exercise their right to records by taking advantage of the opportunities to get involved with what is happening on campus or in city council meetings.

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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

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There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Mar. 3
Tony J. Young, 20, Kansas City, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Mar. 5
An accident occurred between

Raymond L. Frueh, 74, Pickering, Mo., and Mary M. Hayden, 39, Clarinda, Iowa, at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Mar. 7
Kenneth J. Allen, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated, an equipment violation, and for having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle at the 100 block of West Fourth Street.

Christine M. Hatcher, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia at the 200 block of West Jenkins Street.

An accident occurred between Mark D. Zimmerman, 46, Maryville, Mo., and Amber L. Newham, 35, Ravenwood, Mo., at the intersection of South Buchanan and West Edwards streets. Newham was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Mar. 8
Wesley L. Greenhaw, 23, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated at the 100 block of South Munn Street.

Adrese Griddine, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with being under 19 in a bar at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Victoria L. Baigi, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with being

under 19 in a bar at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Mar. 9
Emily S. Powers, 20, Parkville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 300 block of North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at the 300 block of West Halsey Street.

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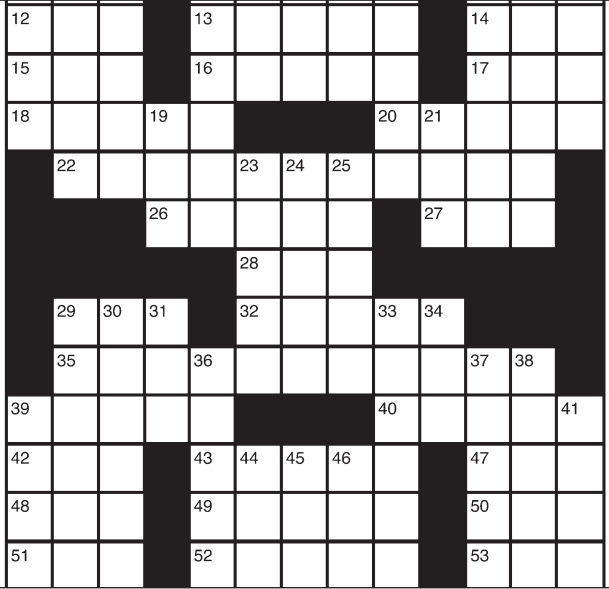
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ACROSS
1 "I Didn't Know I ___ Pregnant"
4 Morley of "60 Minutes"
9 Donaldson or Elliott
12 "One Day ___ Time"
13 "Home ___"; Macaulay Culkin movie
14 Mao ___-tung
15 "To __, with Love"; movie for Sidney Poitier
16 Female fox
17 Monogram for author Stevenson
18 Public square
20 Adams and Falco
22 Series for Julianna Margulies
26 Actress Maria ___, once of "ER"
27 Barney Fife's title: abbr.
28 Ugandan tyrant ___ Amin
29 University in Dallas, familiarly
32 Expresses bottled-up frustration
35 "Dancing with the Stars" host
39 Role on "M*A*S*H"
40 Lash ___ of old western films
42 "Who Do You Think You ___?"
43 "What's ___ about, Alfie?.."; start of a hit song of the 1960s
47 Kildare and Quinn: abbr.
48 Setting for "Hogan's Heroes": abbr.
49 Golfer Palmer, to friends
50 Sixth sense, for

short
51 Annapolis academy operator: abbr.
52 Consumer advocate and Green Party candidate Ralph ___
53 "The ___ & Stimp Show"

DOWN
1 Stinging insect
2 Leaning
3 Actress ___ Jessica Parker
4 Ben or Fred
5 Later, once of "Heroes"
6 Actor Michael J. ___
7 180° from WSW
8 Extend one's subscription
9 Struggle; battle
10 Not awake
11 Clutter
19 Will Geer's role on "The Waltons"
21 "Boy, ___ I Get a Wrong Number!"; Bob Hope movie
23 Popeye's love
24 Not as up-to-date
25 ___ away with; eliminating
29 Gazes long and hard
30 "___ Family"
31 Ms. Thurman
33 Magicians Penn and ___
34 Mrs. in Mexico
36 Actor ___ Keith
37 "Law & ___: Criminal Intent"
38 Profession for Hot Lips Houlihan
39 Spaghetti topper
41 Network for "SportsCenter"



Answers for the March 7 issue.

44 "The flowers that bloom in the spring, ___ la..."
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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (03/14/13). This year is for you. Confidently choose a new direction. Expect more changes, and roll with them. Let a vision be your inspiration. Family and friends keep your home fires burning, until the fun outside overcomes. Play a game you love.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- The next two days are good for making money, more than you think possible. Focus on doing the things that you're passionate about, and it will be easier. Handle chores, too.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Nothing can stop you now. The more problems you solve, the more empowered you feel. There's so much to accomplish with this new confidence! Take actions where you've been stopped before.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- It's time to complete the project you've been avoiding. Spend time in private to replenish your ideas, but don't get too much into your head. You'll be glad when it's over. Just do it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- It's getting fun. Hold off on making an important decision until you're rested and have thought it over. It's easier with some help from your friends. They add just the

right amount of humor.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- The upcoming days may bring lots of career movement. Get ready: It's easier to take on a leadership position now. Making mistakes is part of the equation. Find support nearby.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Your luck is shifting for the better again. Travel conditions improve. You can take new ground. New opportunities will open soon, but there are still barriers. Rebellions flare up. Rest up.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Be strategic rather than impulsive now. You receive a call to action in a transformative

cycle. You provide the imagination. Do financial planning, and study your money.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- You'll have more help. Accept another's suggestion. Spend more time with someone beloved, as vivid feelings and expressions arise. Don't hold them in. Share love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Get practical tasks done. The pace is picking up, and things don't always work as planned; at least, not the first time out. Discover glamour right around the corner. After work comes play.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Pamper yourself, as you enter a

Nancy Black MCT Campus luxuriously lovely phase. Bring someone along to help you make decisions and have fun. There's more time for love, which is always a comfort when money's tight.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Make your home more comfortable. It's where you want to be, anyway. Authorize improvements. Clean house. Lounge around with friends, good food and a movie (after homework's done).

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- You'll learn quickly, so pay attention. Get ready to take action. Study new developments. Put what you learn to profit; focus on the marketing. Apply your business and commerce ideas.

quite the cocktail

The art of alcohol always proves worthy of appreciation

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Mix-ol-o-gy. (noun). The art of creating cocktails and mixed drinks that will be puked up later that evening.

House drinks at a restaurant or a bar are always interesting because there is generally a story behind it and its creation. These new drinks can be named after various people, such as bartenders or just be given a name based on its flavor or taste.

At Carson's Sports Grille, the house shot, which is also available as a cocktail, is called the Breck's Special.

Carson Riedel, general manager and part owner of Carson's Sports Grille, explains that the Breck's Special, is simply named after a bartender that he used to work with.

"The Breck's Special is named after a guy by the name of Dave Breckenridge," Riedel said. "We worked together at the State Armory in Greeley, Colo., which was a restaurant by day and bar by night, where everybody was encouraged to create their own signature drink. And Dave was one of our top bar tenders. He was a volunteer firefighter and older than everyone else; he wasn't a college student like the rest of us."

Riedel explained that he has no idea how Breckenridge came up with the idea for his shot. "He mixed Amaretto liqueur, Southern Comfort, melon liqueur, Apple Pucker, peach schnapps and vodka and added cranberry juice for color because it was like this neutral brown color. The cranberry juice made it red, which made it more appealing," Riedel said. "I bet we made at least a thousand Breck's Specials, each bartender, on a Wednesday or Friday night, our two big drink special nights."

Nate Reed, a veteran bartender at The Palms, also has created a few drinks.

"I made a shot one night. Someone asked for something new, and I made it," Reed said. "It tasted like a Flintstone vitamin. It's got vodka, Blue Hawaiian Maui, mixed berry schnapps, Grape Pucker, triple sec, orange juice and sprite."

Reed said "I made another drink that a lot of people like and it's vodka, blue island pucker, sprite and pineapple juice. It kind of tastes like blue Hawaiian punch. I call it Reeds Tip."

There are the crowd favorites as far as cocktails or mixed drinks go; there's 7 & 7, Captain and Coke, vodka and pretty much any carbonated beverage ever. Those names are general and lackluster.

Then there are more original names such as Long Island Ice Tea, Irish Car Bombs, The

Lunchbox or the Fuzzy Navel. A lot of the popular cocktails get their names from various ideas and sources, such as the location it was created.

The Long Island Ice Tea is named after a new mixed drink created with Triple Sec that was made in the 1970s in you guessed it, Long Island, N.Y. Irish Car Bombs are simply a mix of an Irish stout, topped with Irish whiskey and Irish cream, such as Bailey's, giving it the Irish prefix.

Some drinks also get their names from cultural references. A lot of tequila cocktails have Mexico-specific terms or metaphorical phrases as their names, such as the Bloody Aztec, the Chupacabra or the Matador.

Rum drinks are the same way, getting their names from Caribbean terminology. Some significantly Caribbean-esque drinks are the Royal Bermuda Cocktail, Pina Colada, Mojito, Mai-tai, Hurricane, Caribou Lou and Cuba Libre.

A lot of drinks also get their names from the flavor of the liquor or mixer used to create them. It makes sense that drinks with the word "Fuzzy" in it come from peach liqueur. "White" usually refers to using Half & Half, and "Flaming" usually contains an alcohol such as Bacardi 151 or something with a higher proof of alcohol, which is set on fire.

There are also a lot of general surnames that are added to drink names such as sour, punch or fizz, which all involve the mixer and not the alcohol itself.

The drink isn't really about the name, but the taste. And when it comes to drinks, according to many bartenders, it's all about the goal of what you want to taste. The bartender does not just throw random things together to make a drink, but has a taste in mind. Figure out the desired taste and know what mixers and liquors are needed to get that taste.

Billboard Hot 100 Songs

- 1. Baauer – “Harlem Shake”
- 2. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis – “Thrift Shop”
- 3. Bruno Mars – “When I Was Your Man”
- 4. Taylor Swift – “I Knew You Were Trouble.”
- 5. Rihanna feat. Mikky Ekko – “Unapologetic”

Billboard Top 200

- 1. Bruno Mars – “Unorthodox Jukebox”
- 2. Atoms for Peace – “Amok”
- 3. Mumford & Sons – “Babel”
- 4. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis – “The Heist”
- 5. Hillsong United – “Zion”

In Theaters This Week:

“The Incredible Burt Wonderstone”
(Comedy)
Directors: Dan Scardino
Starring: Steve Carell, Jim Carrey, Luke Vanek

“The Call”
(Thriller)
Director: Brad Anderson
Starring: Halle Berry, Evie Thompson, Abigail Breslin

“Upside Down”
(Drama)
Director: Juan Solanas
Starring: Jim Sturgess, Kirsten Dunst

WHAT’S HOT
Spring Concert
SAC announced Chevelle will take the stage for the spring concert on April 13.

New Pope
Catholics everywhere rejoice! Pope Francis I was chosen as Benedict’s replacement.

Justin Timberlake
Timberlake hosted Saturday Night Live and performed. His fifth time hosting gained him a spot in the prestigious Five-Timers club.

WHAT’S NOT
Iran
The government of Iran is planning to sue Hollywood over “an unrealistic portrayal” of its country in the movie “Argo.”

North Korea
Kim Jong-Un, the leader of North Korea, has openly said that North Korea is “ready to fight a real war” with the United States.

Men’s Basketball
The Bearcat Men’s Basketball team lost a tough game Sunday to UCM in the MIAA championship.

THE STROLLER:
Your Man doubts campus motives

I’m not convinced that we know everything that goes on here. Let me explain. Lately, I noticed that there’s an unusual amount of construction in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Until a few days ago, I hadn’t realized the construction was around the nuclear bomb bunker, and the bunker’s sign is no longer there.

Make no mistake about my integrity as a detective. I’m not one to believe in conspiracy theories (except the one about Obama manipulating the weather), but let’s put the pieces together. Northwest has the CIE building that houses classified military work, not to be confused with the grassy lumps all around the building that are ancient native American mass burial sites never to be disturbed. And if “Call of Duty: Black Ops” taught us any-

thing, it’s that Russians are and always will be the enemy. They don’t want you to know this, but Northwest is planning to bomb those communist Russians and then hide in a bomb shelter that they’re arming and reinforcing for when Stalin’s zombie retaliates.

I know what you’re thinking, and yes, I am drunk. It’s just too much of a coincidence to ignore. Last year, you ignored me when I said civilization as we know it won’t be around more than 40 more years. Obviously, we won’t make it long enough to invent time travel because we would have always known about it because they obviously would have gone back in time to go T-Rex hunting, or carve the Apple logo into a cave wall.

Laugh if you want, but I’ll be laughing when the next comet streak-

ing across the red Soviet sky caught on dashboard cameras turns out to be a nuke sent from campus. The nuke and the government must be the reason for all the construction in the union. How else could Northwest afford renovation when we can’t even afford somewhere to sit in Einstein Bros next year?

Everyone, question the construction. Every mystery has a secret purpose behind it, such as why FIVE gum mini-packs contain six pieces because the gum industry is controlled by The Man, man. Now we need to dig deeper, like taking the first letter of every sentence in newspaper stories to spell out a hidden message. Do it.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

‘Oz’ prequel blows away expectations

NATALIE FRY
Missourian Reporter

Disney’s “Oz The Great and Powerful” triumphantly whisks audiences away into a land of good versus evil.

Raking in an estimated 80.3 million dollars, the biggest opening-weekend number of the year, the somewhat prequel to the age-old classic, “The Wizard of Oz,” tells the tale of how Oz became the leader of the enchanted land.

James Franco (“127 Hours”) ignites the big screen as Oscar Diggs, a greedy, power-hungry, traveling circus magician who’s a charmer with the ladies.

When Oz is swept into a tornado that expels him into the mystical land

of Oz, he poses as the prophetic wizard that was sent to save the land from the wicked witch.

In order to take the throne and countless riches, Oz must venture on the yellow brick road to find and defeat the wicked witch.

On his quest, Oz is faced with greater challenges than he expected, but the obstacles may just transform him into the great and powerful Wizard of Oz after all.

Equipped with the iconic flying monkeys, dancing munchkins, witches, etc., the movie warms viewers with romance, comical one-liners, dramatic elements, a musical number and colorful visual and audio effects that seem to bounce off the screen.

It’s also shown in visually stimu-

lating 3D that is sure to make the viewer feel a part of the magical land.

The unlikely cast for such a powerful story blends together surprisingly well. Mila Kunis (“Friends with Benefits”), Rachel Weisz (“The Mummy”) and Michelle Williams (“Shutter Island”) star alongside Franco as the Oz witches.

“Oz The Great and Powerful” lives up to its fairytale-like expectations, leaving audiences with the feeling that there is such a thing as happily ever after.



Movie: Oz The Great and Powerful
Director: Sam Raimi

Trent Reznor adds How to Destroy Angels to his arscenal of music

IAN ECHLIN
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A variety of accomplishments show the success Trent Reznor, best known for Nine Inch Nails, has seen as a musician.

Atticus Ross, “The Book of Eli” soundtrack, worked with Reznor to create the soundtrack for “The Social Network,” where they earned an Academy Award

for best original score.

Ross joined Reznor and Reznor’s wife, Mariqueen Maandig, and created the band How to Destroy Angels.

“Welcome Oblivion” is the group’s first full-length album, released March 5. The album gives the listener another taste of the versatility Reznor’s music has.

Maandig takes lead vocals, and Reznor adds to the vocals spo-

radically throughout the album. Maandig’s vocals lack energy, but are meant to soothe.

“Welcome Oblivion” is similar to scores Reznor wrote for “The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo” and “The Social Network,” --slow, easy listening music.

The second track, “Keep It Together,” proves the band knows how to combine different sounds, such as techno beats and orches-

tral strings, to produce good music.

“How Long?” has the most energy of any track on the album. The energy comes from Maandig’s voice and the accentuating mix behind her.

Reznor’s mixed beats surround the lyrics and sometimes overpower them. The lyrics are similar to Nine Inch Nails, expressive and universally relatable.

Reznor announced he will start a new Nine Inch Nails album soon. As for now, Reznor admires the success of How to Destroy Angels.



Album: Welcome Oblivion
Label: Columbia
Release date: Mar. 1, 2013

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get anything going.” Northwest jumped out to a 10-5 lead behind a quick eight points from freshman guard Tember Schechinger. Washburn eventually took a 14-12 lead at the 8:31 mark and would not trail again. Schechinger finished with 10 points, seven rebounds and three steals. Sophomore guard Maggie Marnin tallied 10 points and nine rebounds. Junior guard Monique Stevens said the experience of advancing in the conference tournament will be important to the success of next year’s squad. “We’ve all got that one year underneath us, with coach Kellogg, with all the girls, so it’s not so much about learning anymore,” Stevens said. “We know what coach Kellogg wants from us now, so we gotta bring that to the table.” Northwest was picked to finish 14th in the 15-team conference following a 6-22 season, but finished tied for eighth in Kellogg’s first year as head coach. The team has bought into Kellogg’s chaotic, in-your-face style of basketball, Stevens said.

“I think at first... we were a little unsure,” Stevens said. “It’s more up tempo than what some of (my teammates) liked. But then we started getting a couple of wins under our belts, and it was like, ‘oh, yeah, this system works.’”

MIAA
CONTINUED FROM **A12**

kids a couple of years mentally. I don’t think physically he’s any different than he was. I think mentally is totally different from when he came.” The ‘Cats did not miss a step, starting the season 7-0 and making their intentions know as a MIAA contender. Northwest bought into a defensive-first attitude and scrappy play to jump out to a 13-4 record. “When you get to a point where you’re undefeated, I think we thought that we were pretty good,” McCollum said. “Anytime this team thought that they were better than the other team, we became not better, because we lost that killer instinct. That’s what makes us good. It has nothing to do with talent.” Then, once again, the Bearcats received another shot to the jaw, losing Starzl to an MCL sprain for seven games. During the seven-game stretch, Northwest went 4-3, but stuck to its identity which led to two big MIAA victories at home. Possibly the most improbable comeback of the season was against Northeastern State, just four days after Starzl’s injury. Down 20 points in the first half, against two of the conference’s best players, the Bearcats battled back with the help of seldom-used (at that point) freshman guard Connor Crooker. With four seconds remaining

, Crooker scored on a contested layup and hit the go-ahead free throw to knock off the RiverHawks which are now in the national tournament. “They kept fighting, and I knew that’s what they were going to do,” Starzl said. “Then I came back and we played pretty well.” It is hard to find positives out of an injury involving your best player, but sophomore forward Grant Cozad took that opportunity to showcase his skills as a low-post scoring threat. With Starzl back in the lineup and a first-round bye in the MIAA tournament in the balance against a lackluster Truman State team, the Bearcats had a chance to gain momentum moving into the post-season, but instead dropped what should have been a lopsided win to the Bulldogs. The loss gave the ‘Cats a No. 5 seed in the tournament and a much tougher route to the national tournament. The Bearcats demolished Missouri Western in their first-round matchup behind senior guard Alex Sullivan’s eight three pointers. Northwest defeated Northeastern State in the second round, but lost the man that torched the RiverHawks in the previous matchup after Crooker broke a facial bone that required surgery that night. Minus Crooker, the ‘Cats were in a 12-point hole with 12 minutes to play, but scrapped together another win against No. 1 seed Fort Hays State in what McCollum says was on the most fun games he has watched. “The Hays game was prob-

“The Hays game was probably one of the best games I have coached and probably one of the best games for a fan to watch.” Ben McCollum

ably one of the best games I have coached and probably one of the best games for a fan to watch,” McCollum said. “It was just a slug-fest. Both teams wanted, and both teams competed.” Once again, Northwest was dealt another setback as senior guard and second-leading scorer DeAngelo Hailey was forced to miss the championship game with an ankle injury. “The kids had to find a way to believe we could still beat them without those guys,” McCollum said. “That’s actually a lot harder than you would think because people were telling them they had made a good run and were telling them how good they were after the Hays win.” The team that had been coming back all season had one more shot to complete its Cinderella story by knocking off Central Missouri. Short-handed with two key players sitting next to manager Joel Lincoln and dealing with Starzl in foul trouble, Northwest found an unlikely source of scoring in junior

guard Bryston Williams. Williams scored 27 points that included a layup with one second remaining in regulation, although he missed an identical layup just seconds earlier, to force overtime. But midnight struck, and the Bearcats lost to Central Missouri in overtime. “It’s awesome that we fought so hard,” Starzl said. “I’m just so proud of this team and all of my teammates. No one wanted to lose that final game, and we played so hard against Northeastern and Hays to get those wins. We just fell short to Central, which is heartbreaking, but we did fight, and that’s what’s awesome about this team.” Throughout the winter McCollum and his players preached “next play” and that triggered a season that looked unlikely at multiple points in the season. “We’ll say that in a game or even when we are working out,” Funk said. “We don’t want to dwell on the last game or last possession. Even if it’s a successful one, we want to move on to the next one.” “That next play and next possession and all the possessions in a basketball game can make the difference if you concentrate on winning that one possession on defense or offense. It really adds up, and that’s how you can win games...if you just believe in that next play.”

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NW BASEBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Central Missouri.....	11-1	8-0
Missouri Western.....	9-3	5-0
Nebraska-Kearney.....	8-7	8-5
Northeastern State.....	11-7	11-7
Central Oklahoma.....	9-6	9-6
Pitt. State.....	8-4	6-4
Lindenwood.....	7-9	7-5
Mo. Southern.....	8-7	4-5
Fort Hays.....	8-8	5-7
Southwest Baptist.....	5-4	5-7
Lincoln.....	2-6	2-3
Emporia St.....	6-11	5-8
NORTHWEST.....	4-12	4-9
Washburn.....	3-7	3-7
Truman.....	2-11	2-11

March 16:
Lincoln at Central Oklahoma
Truman at Mo. Southern

March 19:
Central Missouri at Lincoln
Pitt. State at Emporia State
Arlington Baptist at Central Oklahoma

MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Lafayette.....	20-3	7-0
Cameron.....	18-7	6-1
MARYVILLE.....	20-8	5-3
Smithville.....	17-7	4-3
Bishop LeBlond.....	10-11	3-4
Benton.....	5-19	3-7
Chillicothe.....	7-14	1-5
Savannah.....	7-17	1-7

NW SOFTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Fort Hays.....	15-2	0-0
Central Oklahoma.....	14-4	0-0
Lincoln.....	6-2	0-0
Truman.....	9-3	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	10-4	0-0
Pitt. State.....	8-4	0-0
Emporia St.....	10-5	0-0
Mo. Western.....	12-6	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	11-7	0-0
Central Mo.....	8-6	0-0
Lindenwood.....	5-7	0-0
Northeastern St.....	7-10	0-0
Nebraska-Kearney.....	5-10	0-0
Washburn.....	3-9	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	4-12	0-0

March 15:
Southwest Baptist at NORTHWEST
Central Oklahoma at Mo. Southern

March 18:
Mo. Western at NORTHWEST
Lindenwood at Lincoln
Northwestern State at Mo. Southern

MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

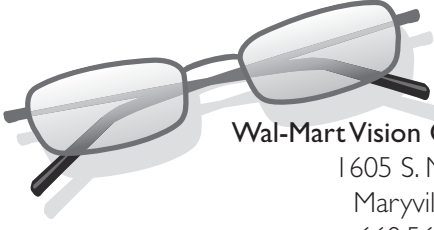
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Cameron.....	15-10	3-4
Savannah.....	7-12	3-5
Chillicothe.....	11-15	2-5
MARYVILLE.....	6-17	0-8

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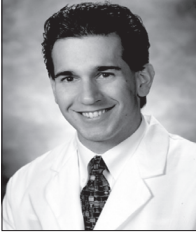
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New head coaches take reins for spring programs

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Transitioning from an assistant to the head coaching position is something two Maryville coaches are looking forward to this spring.

Lori Klaus will take over as the new Spoofhounds track and field coach.

Matt Houchin will take the reins of the 'Hounds baseball team.

Klaus, who also coaches volleyball at the school, has been an assistant coach for the track and field team for the past six seasons. The track and field teams experienced a lot of success during her tenure.

"Ever since I've been here, track in Maryville has been very successful," Klaus said. "We win conference championships; we win district championships. If we don't, we almost always get second. We usually send quite a few kids to state."

"It's just always been a very good program and I'm glad to have been a part of it for the last six years. I've seen how hard the head coaches have to work. It's not just a 'come and do whatever you want' kind of thing, we work really hard to make sure they are the best on the track"

Klaus will replace Chris Holt, who had been the head track coach for the previous six seasons.

Houchin will step into his role as the head baseball coach after being an assistant under Tom Scarbrough the last three seasons.

Houchin said his passion to be an educator and head coach stems from the experiences he had growing up.

"I had great middle school coaches growing up, and a lot of them coached junior high and high school, and they were kind of my mentors growing up," Houchin said. "I always wanted to get an education and coach because of them."

"Coaching is a good way to stay in the game, and I've always enjoyed athletics, whatever it is. It's a great way to stay in touch with athletes and compete."

Both Klaus and Houchin said there is always pressure to succeed in athletics, but previous coaches tremendously helped prepare them for their new positions.

"(Scarbrough) did a great job explaining to me things that needed to be done, more



Matt Hauchin will take over this spring as head baseball coach at MHS, replacing Tom Scarbrough. Hauchin is also the for the football team.

than just baseball," Houchin said. "Everything behind the scenes, from ordering uniforms to making sure we have equipment, all those things. There's a lot into it, it's not just as simple as making a lineup and going out to play, and Tom did a great job getting me ready for this."

Klaus said her time as an assistant greatly helped her prepare for her new role.

"Being at track meets, you have to run your own track meet here, and the head coach has huge responsibilities," Klaus said. "I've helped in those processes the last six years, so I've never been totally in charge of it. They didn't just go in their office and hide or do it all by themselves, they showed us and helped us."

"There's pressure there as far as how we want to be successful. We have a lot of state

returners, kids that have had a lot of success. I want to win conference on both boys' and girls' sides, and districts. Those expectations are still there."

Some of those state returners on the boys' side include senior state champion shot putter Caleb Mather, senior pole vaulter Derek Stiens, who placed fifth in the state, and senior triple jumper Peyton Mizera, who placed fourth in the state.

Hurdler Treyton Burch also returns for his senior season.

On the girls' side, seniors Mikaila Wallace, Jessa Stiens, Sydney Rogers and junior McKenzie Wallace all return for another chance to head to state.

The four girls finished fourth in the 4 x 400 meter relay at the Class 3 State track and field championships a season ago.

Last year's state qualifying thrower, Baylee Scarbrough, also returns for her senior season.

Maryville's Activities Director Paul Snow said that the head coach search was a natural fit for both the coaches and the school.

"You might have the greatest coach in the country, but they may not fit in your system or your school environment," Snow said. "You gotta make sure it gels for both sides, make sure everybody is all on the same page as far as what's best for the kids and best for the community."

"They've both been in our school program and our system with sports and academics for a lot of years and they know what our expectations of the community and school are, and we know their expectations as coaches, so it was a natural fit."

Boys golf heads into 2013 season with bounty of experience

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After a disappointing district performance last season, the Maryville boys' golf team looks to improve as a team and try to make a run at the state tournament.

Head coach Brenda Ricks is excited for the start of the season.

"This season, I think we are going to be better," Ricks said. "I have

been happy with the way we have been practicing. I think we are gonna be much stronger"

The team did not lose anyone to graduation after last season. Ricks said that is going to make a big difference for the team.

"It's huge when you can return an entire team, intact, the next year," Ricks said. "It helps with team unity, and I know these guys have the experience. They know what tournament play is like and they will know what to expect. It's gonna help us a lot."

Maryville had one golfer at the state tournament last season. Senior Trey Maughan was the lone Spoofhound to advance out of districts.

"It was nice having him advance and play at state," Ricks said. "He has experience, and that will help the other guys. He can tell them what

they should expect."

The 'Hounds also return seniors Kyle Leslie and Wade Tobin and junior Dustin Wolters.

"When you can return four out of five golfers the next season, you can expect an improvement," Ricks said. "We can count on them to play to the best of their abilities."

Freshman Hunter Hayes is expected to make a splash on varsity.

"He has played in a lot of junior golf tournaments," Ricks said. "He is a great golfer, and I expect him to walk right into the varsity level. He has a lot of experience playing in tournaments, and I think that will help him a lot."

The Spoofhounds first meet is at 4 p.m. March 28 in St. Joseph. Their first home meet is at 4 p.m. April 1 at Mozingo Lake Golf Course.

ATHLETES of the WEEK

BEARCATS



Bryston Williams



Junior guard Bryston Williams scored a career-high 27 points in Northwest's overtime loss to Central Missouri in the MIAA tournament championship on Sunday.

Hailee Hendricks



Senior infielder Hailee Hendricks went a combined 5-for-9 this weekend with two homeruns and eight RBIs as the Bearcats defeated Doane College twice with a combined score of 20-7.

Dillon Starzl



Although he battled foul trouble, junior forward Dillon Starzl scored 13 points and snared six rebounds in Sunday's championship loss to Central Missouri.

Maggie Marnin



Sophomore center Maggie Marnin posted a team-high 10 points and nine rebounds March 8, albeit in a 52-39 loss to Washburn in the quarterfinals of the MIAA tournament.

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Junior Kristina D'Angela takes a swing during a fall season practice. The Northwest golf team is ranked 10th in the central region.

Northwest golf forced to play without stroke leader

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Northwest women's golf had a difficult two days in its first spring tournament.

The Bearcats took second in the Early Bird Invitational in Branson, despite playing without junior Cassie Lowell, who is the team's stroke leader with an average of 78.

Lowell had surgery on her knee in the offseason and was unable to finish all 18 holes on the second day, which disqualified her score, head coach Pat McLaughlin said.

"It was one of those things where she tweaked her knee and it swelled up immediately," McLaughlin said. "If she would have been able to finish, we would've won by 15 or 20 strokes."

Northwest lost to Missouri West-

ern by one stroke.

Sophomore Steph Charteris shot a 77 in the second round, winning the tournament with a two-day score of 166. Junior Kristina D'Angela finished tied for fourth and sophomore Taylor Gard took sixth place.

McLaughlin said he is not overly concerned with the outcome because the weather was less than ideal, and Lowell did not complete in the tournament.

"I didn't come away with the feeling of 'gosh, what happened? The wheels have fallen off and we're just awful,'" McLaughlin said. "But I definitely pinpointed some things we need to work on."

McLaughlin said his team will work their short game before the Missouri Western Invitation March 24.

Senior expects title in spring season

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For the fourth time in his career, senior hurdler Tyler Shaw qualified for nationals in the 60-meter hurdles.

Shaw claimed a runner-up finish in 2009, sixth in 2010 and fourth in 2011 during indoor competition, but redshirted last year.

The lone qualifier for the Northwest indoor track team narrowly missed advancing in the NCAA Indoor Track and Field National Championships in Birmingham, Ala., finishing in 14th with a time of 8.14.

Shaw will use his tough finish as a catalyst as Bearcat track and field turns its attention to the outdoor season.

"It really gave me a big boost of motivation, just for the simple fact

that I didn't do as well as I wanted to indoors," Shaw said. "So it's like my last redemption, to try and pull off another All-American status and finally be able to win for the first time."

Shaw said anything less than a first-place finish this spring season would serve as a disappointment.

Head coach Scott Lorek said he is looking forward to the outdoor season, describing Shaw as determined and a team favorite.

"He's handling the disappointment well, but it's really a motivation for him," Lorek said. "I think he'll bounce back, and I think he's going to be even better outdoors."

"He's always been a team leader by example. He's always worked real hard. He's always been real dedicated, very committed."

The Bearcats begin outdoor



TYLER SHAW

competition Thursday at the Emporia State Spring Twilight. Shaw will participate in the meet despite recently competing in nationals.

Shaw will look to qualify in two events in the 200-meter sprint, which he has accomplished indoors, and the 60-meter hurdles.

Rosewell, tennis prepare for tough conference matchups

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After two wins last weekend, the Northwest men's and women's tennis teams prepare for tough tests this week.

The Bearcat women will come into this week's match against Central Oklahoma with a 3-2 overall record and a 1-0 record versus MIAA opponents. The Bronchos have a 7-1 overall record while holding a 2-1 conference record.

"They are a great team," head coach Mark Rosewell said. "We are excited to play them, and I think we are ready for the test."

The Northwest men are ranked No. 25 in the country and are 4-1 overall. They play East Central

Oklahoma on March 15 which will come into the match with a 2-5 record.

"Their record is deceiving," Rosewell said. "We beat them in the past, but that doesn't mean anything. We have to be ready to play."

The Bearcat men and women traveled to Grand Island, Neb. on March 8 for a match against Nebraska-Kearney.

The men dominated their competition and came away with a 9-0 win in the MIAA opener. The win was the third straight for the Cats, while the Lopers fell to 6-4 overall.

"It was a great win for us," Rosewell said. "We won nine to nothing, but that score is a little deceiving. Some of those matches were pretty close. It is nice to win

9-0, though."

The women beat Nebraska-Kearney in a close match, 6-3. Rosewell is pleased with the way both teams played and is excited for this week's matches.

"Anytime you leave a match with two wins, you gotta be happy," Rosewell said. "We just gotta keep going out and playing our match. We are going to be tested this week, but I think we are up for the challenge."

The Northwest women will be back in action at 3 p.m. March 14 in Maryville against Central Oklahoma. The men's match against East Central Oklahoma is at 10 a.m. March 15 in Maryville. Both matches are at Frank Grube Tennis Courts on the Northwest campus.

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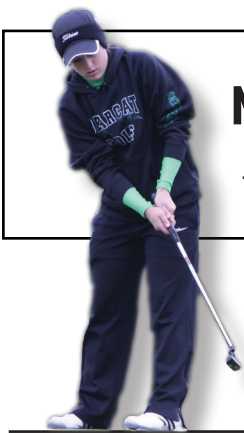


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The Northwest men's basketball team celebrates a comeback victory against Northeastern State Jan. 31. The Bearcats lost to Central Missouri in the MIAA championship.

Bearcats put on show in Kansas City

DALTON VITT
Online Editor



People don't drive all the way to the stadium hoping to see blowouts.

Fans make their way to the event, pay for tickets and eat micro-waved stadium food just clinging to a wish that they might watch games like those at Municipal Auditorium this weekend.

Regardless of the second-place outcome, not what Northwest was looking for, it put on an absolute show for all in attendance at the MIAA tournament.

Saturday's match saw Northwest crawl back from a 12-point deficit against Fort Hays behind a gritty defensive performance from point guard Matt Wallace and a post offense clinic by Dillon Starzl.

Senior DeAngelo Hailey started everything by going on a personal eight-point run to keep the 'Cats in it early.

Say what you want about Hailey's game, but one thing shines above all else with the 6-5 swing-man - he enjoys what he does.

His smile lit up the gym during the first five minutes of Saturday's semifinal. When an ankle injury ended his day early and held him out Sunday as well, it broke the hearts of Bearcat fans, but not Hailey's.

He was in street clothes on the bench during Sunday's MIAA championship and gladly played the role of lead cheerleader for Northwest in his last game as a Bearcat.

The championship game pitted the 'Cats against No. 2 seed Central Missouri. The Mules chose not to double Starzl in the post just 24 hours after he dismantled Fort Hays' interior defense.

But right when it seemed Starzl might pace himself for 30 points, he got caught up in foul trouble.

His second personal came with 8:53 left in the first half, sending him to the bench until halftime.

Northwest hung tight with the Mules even without Starzl or Hailey, but a Central Missouri 2-3 zone broke all offensive rhythm for Northwest in the latter stages.

The zone allowed Central to creep up to an eight-point lead with just under four minutes to play, but the Bearcats' stifling man defense showed up late and allowed just one Mule point in the last 3:48.

Points down the stretch came from an unlikely source in sophomore defensive specialist Bryston Williams, whose heroics included a three to bring the Bearcats within one possession and a game-tying layup with two ticks left on the clock.

Northwest eventually fell in overtime when Central's Widgett Washington took over and bounced the Bearcats out of a tournament bid.

Sure, Northwest missed the Big Dance this season, but an inspiring performance at the MIAA tournament just about made up for it.

Head coach Ben McCollum said prior to the tournament he thought his team needed the title game to make the bracket, and it just about got it.

There is a shiny future for Northwest, with only Hailey and Alex Sullivan leaving. The 'Cats return the three-man rotation in the post of Starzl, Grant Cozad and Kyle Schlake, as well as point guard DeShaun Cooper, who missed all of this season with an ankle injury. Starzl and Cooper are legitimate hopefuls for All-American nominations.

Northwest's calling-card defense will return alongside the best coach in the MIAA in McCollum.

Central Missouri and Washburn each will lose a considerable amount of seniors this summer, leaving Fort Hays as the biggest source of competition for the Bearcats.

Fans go to the arena to watch good teams and close games. Northwest will have plenty of both next season.

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Bearcats fall come up short in MIAA finale

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From the outside looking in, the theme of the Northwest men's basketball team should have been "Don't call it a comeback."

Sunday, the Bearcats lost in the championship game of the MIAA tournament, ending their season and a shot to go to national tournament.

Municipal Auditorium was not packed to the ceiling, but those in attendance watched two classic comebacks from Northwest.

But the Bearcats had been coming back all season.

Although the 'Cats were minus a few key players from the 2012-13 MIAA champions, the upcoming season looked bright until All-MIAA

senior guard DeShaun Cooper went down with an ankle injury that forced him to receive a medical redshirt.

"At first, obviously, we were shocked and didn't know if Cooper wasn't going to go," junior guard/forward Tyler Funk said. "Coach did a good job of making us look forward and not worrying by telling us that it wasn't anything we could really control and to focus on ourselves."

Without their leading scorer, the Bearcats had to find another way to get baskets without the dynamic Cooper, who was lethal off the dribble and knocking down pull-up jumpers.

"The biggest thing for me was that I had to figure out offensively how we were going to score, who were we going to go to, who we were going to build the offense around and that was tough," head

coach Ben McCollum said. "I think, for the guys, I don't think much changed besides a little different X's and O's offense."

"You don't have a guy that can make plays, so you have to share the ball a little better. Mentally, I don't think the guys were overly worried."

It did not take McCollum long to find the answer, as junior forward Dillon Starzl emerged as a dominant force in the paint.

"I knew we had to go inside to be successful," McCollum said. "You always have to attack the paint in basketball to be successful, either by driving it inside or passing it inside."

"I always knew (Starzl) would be fine. It

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FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior DeShaun Cooper went down with an ankle injury before the season even began, forcing a medical redshirt.



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Junior forward Dillon Starzl's MCL sprain caused him to miss an important seven-game stretch in the middle of conference play.



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Senior guard DeAngelo Hailey and freshman guard Connor Crooker got hit with injuries in the MIAA tournament, ending their season.

Northwest women look to build on surprise season

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Head coach Mark Kellogg is optimistic about Northwest women's basketball 15-13 finish this season, a nine-win improvement over the 2012 campaign.

Kellogg said his team's strong finish gives it momentum heading into the spring and summer.

"If we're able to take that step next year, then I think we look back at this year and say 'yes, that was the stepping stone to what's to follow,'" Kellogg said.

"We're at 15 wins now, and 20 is only five away, so if we can get to 20 and 20-plus, we're in the hunt for regional bids, conference championships, and that's where we need our program to be."

The Bearcats will lose two seniors in guard Ashley Thayer and forward Alexis Boeh, but return every starter and a bulk of their scorers.

Sophomore forwards Maggie Marnin and Annie Mathews each earned All-MIAA honorable mentions. Marnin finished the season

averaging 11.2 points per contest and 5.4 rebounds a game, while Mathews recorded 9.7 points and 7.4 rebounds a game.

Marnin and Mathews were not enough in quarterfinals of the MIAA Tournament, as Northwest could not overcome a tough shooting night, falling to No. 9 Washburn 52-39.

The Bearcats shot just 26 percent from the field against the Lady Blues, including 3-of-17 from three-point range.

Washburn's length and speed continually bothered Northwest, Kellogg said.

"You just try to move the ball, pass fake, shot fake against them, just to see if you can get them one way and go the other way," Kellogg said. "It's just not the best matchup for us. They're long and a little bit more athletic than we are, so they can catch up with us if they do make a mistake."

"Offensively, the beginning of each half was really good, but then after that we were stagnant and couldn't



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Sophomore guard Ashleigh Nelson blows by a Lincoln (Mo.) defender in a 77-60 victory at Bearcat Arena Jan. 16.

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